

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Lois Cates commemorated the resplendent occasion of her Ninetieth Birthday on July 4, 2005, at her home in Alton, Missouri; and

Whereas, on July 4, 1915, in Alton, God brought a special gift to Jody and Eva Neal Hollis with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Lois, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Lois Cates had the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as her marriage to Corwin O. Cates (deceased) and the births of their offspring; and

Whereas, God has blessed Lois Cates with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include three children, Herman Cates, Helen Holmes, and Hosea Cates; six grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Lois Cates offered her children boundless emotional support, guidance, and understanding which enhanced their lives in countless ways and enabled them to become responsible citizens with families of their own; and

Whereas, Lois Cates derives a tremendous amount of spiritual fulfillment through her affiliation with the United Baptist Church, a place of worship that has special meaning to her as a cherished member; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of 90, Lois Cates is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Lois Cates at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri nonagenarian Lois Cates, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Dethrow
District No. 153

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3971, adopted July 11, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker